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DR. A. DALE FIERS

Dr. Fiers to Speak at Lebanon for Week of Compassion

Dr. Dale Fiers will be the principal speaker at the observance dinner of the Week of Compassion at First Church, Lebanon, on the evening of February 22. Coming direct from the Assembly at Salem, Dr. Fiers and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch (see pictures on cover) will appear at the annual affair of the Lebanon church.

Dr. Fiers, author, world traveler, and Christian statesman, is president of the United Christian Missionary Society, a member of the general board of The National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. In 1952, he attended the meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, held at Lucknow, India, and in 1954, was a Disciple delegate to the second assembly of the World Council of Churches, held at Evanston, Ill.

All Christian Churches in Oregon Are Invited to Attend

ASSEMBLY at Salem

February 20 - 21

One of the finest inspirational and educational programs that Oregon churches have been able to participate in is scheduled for February 20 and 21 in the First Christian Church in Salem. Three noted leaders of our brotherhood and of the church around the world will be in Oregon for this time of fellowship, and great crowds are expected to be in attendance at this Oregon Assembly, which has grown out of the felt need for an inspirational assembly of this sort in Oregon. Dr. A. Dale Fiers, (pictured on the front cover) President of the United Christian Missionary Society, will be one of the speakers and leaders in workshops. He will bring with him a world view that, coming from his travels and association with peoples of other lands, is refreshingly Christian and practical.

Mrs. James D. Wyker, well known in the brotherhood and among the women for work in the United Church Women, of which she was president last year, will be another guest of note. Then Rosa Page Welch (see picture on front cover), beloved all around the world not only for her singing but also for her warm and loving personality, will add to the meetings the gift of song and interracial understanding.

ROSA PAGE WELCH

The Assembly will open its sessions on Monday, February 20, with an hour of challenge. During the day of Tuesday, February 21, there will be workshops and addresses with many moments of study and inspiration, concluding in the evening with "The New Strategy in Missions" by Dr. Fiers, a sacred music concert by Rosa Page Welch, and the beautiful experience of communion together.

The main theme, "The World Mission of the Church," will be divided as follows: Monday night — "The Disciples Face Their World"; Tuesday morning — "The Disciples Face Their Task"; Tuesday afternoon — "The Disciples Face Their Ecumenical Opportunities"; Tuesday evening — "The Disciples Face Their Constituents"; Tuesday night — "The Disciples Face the Future."

The church office at Salem will make reservations for those desiring to stay in hotel or motel, if information is written to the church concerning the type of accommodations wanted and the price range desired. Inquiries should be sent to the First Christian Church, Marion & Cottage Streets, Salem.

Program for Oregon Christian Assembly

THEME: The World Mission of the Church

First Christian Church, Salem, Oregon, February 20-21

Monday Night, February 20
THE DISCIPLES FACE THEIR WORLD

Wayne A. Greene, presiding

7:30 Song Service, led by Rosa Page Welch
7:45 Devotional: Walter Naff
7:55 Statement of Purpose and Offering
8:05 Address: "The Disciples and the Women of the World," Mrs. James D. Wyker
8:45 Sacred Music Concert: Rosa Page Welch
9:05 Address: "The Disciples and the World Situation." A. Dale Fiers
9:45 Benediction: Lester Jones

Tuesday Morning, February 21
THE DISCIPLES FACE THEIR TASK

Myron C. Cole, presiding

9:30 Devotional
9:40 Briefing Message to Introduce Workshops: Charles H. Addleman
9:55 Recess to Workshops
10:00 WORKSHOPS:
"THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE LOCAL CHURCH"
1. Missions in Stewardship (Room 108)
Moderator: A. W. Mortensen
Resource Leaders: Kenneth Johnston, Wayne Greene, and Gertrude Mossberger
2. Missions in Christian Education (Room 201)
Moderator: Donald B. Payne
Resource Leaders: Loma Mae Jones, Ross J. Griffeth, and Robert Neal
3. Missions in Evangelism (Room 301)
Moderator: Gene Robinson
Resource Leaders: A. Dale Fiers, Orville Mick, and Elby Boosinger
4. Missions in World Outreach (Chapel)
Moderator: Mrs. E. C. Gilbert
Resource Leaders: Mrs. James D. Wyker, Clay Pomeroy, and Mrs. Edna Burke
5. Missions in Social Action (Sanctuary)
Moderator: Mrs. Clarence H. Elliott
Resource Leaders: Rosa Page Welch, James Warren, and Donald Helseth
11:05 Assembly Period in Sanctuary
11:10 Briefing Message to Introduce Workshops: A. Dale Fiers
11:25 Recess to Workshops
11:30 WORKSHOPS: "THE MISSIONARY MOVEMENT IN THE BROTHERHOOD"
1. Our Christian Stewardship
2. Our Year of Christian Education
3. Our Evangelistic Responsibility
4. Our World Outreach
5. Our Social Action Challenge
12:30 Adjourn for lunch

Tuesday Afternoon
THE DISCIPLES FACE THEIR ECUMENICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Marion W. Nilsson, presiding

2:00 Devotional: Cecil Bever
2:10 Briefing Message to Introduce Panel Discussion: Myron C. Cole
2:25 Panel Discussion: "The Missionary Movement Among All Christians"
1. The Presbyterians—Dr. Paul Poling
2. The Methodists—Dr. George Roseberry
3. The Baptists—Mrs. Maurice E. Hodge
4. The Congregationalists—Dr. Julian Keiser
5. The Disciples—L. O. White
3:30 Song Service, led by Rosa Page Welch.
3:35 Briefing Message to Introduce Panel Discussion: Carroll C. Roberts
3:50 Panel Discussion: "The Missionary Movement Among the Younger Churches." A. Dale Fiers, Mrs. James D. Wyker, and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch
5:00 Benediction

Tuesday Evening
THE DISCIPLES FACE THEIR CONSTITUENTS

L. O. White, presiding

6:00 Brotherhood Banquet at First Christian Church:
Fun around the tables—led by the Youth; Speaker: Rosa Page Welch

Tuesday Night
THE DISCIPLES FACE THE FUTURE

Carroll C. Roberts, presiding

7:30 Song Service, led by Rosa Page Welch
7:45 Devotional and Offering: Aldis Webb
8:00 Address: "The New Strategy in Missions," A. Dale Fiers
8:30 Song Service, led by Rosa Page Welch
8:35 Address: "The Church on the March," Mrs. James D. Wyker
9:05 Sacred Music Concert, by Rosa Page Welch
9:30 Observance of the Lord's Supper as a pledge to God through Jesus Christ that we will accept the challenge of the "World Mission of the Church." Wayne Greene, presiding, assisted by the deacons and elders.

MRS. JAMES D. WYKER, nationally known for her work among the women of the brotherhood, will be one of the guest speakers at the Assembly in Salem.

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Northwest Christian College

—By Ross J. Griffeth

Headline news is the gift, at the time of the semi-annual meeting in January of the NCC Board of Trustees, of stock with a listing value of some $33,000 for the Library Building Fund. Interest which will accrue in a short time brings the immediate value of this gift to approximately $35,000 and advances considerably the time when the new construction can begin.

This gift of stock brings to attention the fact that a contributor will gain much by giving stock or property to the College if the stock or other property has appreciated in value since its purchase. The donor will receive tax exemption credit at the market rate and will not have to pay a capital gains tax. If stock that has gone up in price is first sold and then the proceeds of the sale given to the College, the donor will have to pay a capital gains tax. On the other hand, if property has gone down in value since the donor purchased it, he can sell the property, take a tax deduction on the loss, and give the proceeds of the sale to the College. It is a wise thing to seek the advice of a tax expert in such matters before a sale is made. In any case, remember to make your gift to Northwest Christian College.

In the After-Dinner Speaking Contest recently held at Willamette University, Nell Carlson, NCC Sophomore from Olympia, Washington, was first-place winner in the Women's Division of the Intercollegiate Forensic Association of Oregon. Paul Moore, Jr., NCC Senior from Athena, Oregon, was third-place winner in the Men's Division of this association. The I. F. A. O. has eight member institutions. Northwest Christian College has been a member for the past three years. The NCC contestants were coached by Prof. Ward A. Rice, speech teacher at NCC.

Two NCC alumni from Oregon are studying for their Ph. D. degrees at eastern institutions. Burton B. Thurston is specializing in the New Testament field at Harvard University. He is a native of Jefferson. Loren Fisher is specializing in Old Testament at Semitics at Dropsie College, Philadelphia. This is a leading Jewish school. Loren's home was Albany, Oregon. Both men are establishing enviable scholastic records.

The coming "Year of the Ministry" emphasizes the fact that the greatest need the church has, aside from deepening spirituality, is for preachers. While Oregon has a good record for recruiting ministers, the record is not good enough. It is up to each congregation to seek out the very best young men in the comunity, encourage them to commit their lives and talents to the church, then help them secure the best possible education.

At Northwest Christian College the best type of training for church vocations is available. From the University of Virginia a communication recently received commented on our "vigorous program." Let's make it even more vigorous.

Just now the most insistent need of NCC is for funds to cary on current operations. So, please, send in your contribution to our General Fund.

Also, remember that N.C.C. Day in the churches is scheduled for April 15, 1956. Keep the calendar clear for a representative from this, your College.

BURKE HALL: a quiet corner

HEATING PLANT,
Northwest Christian College

From the Director of Christian Education

THE CHURCH MUST TEACH!

This striking phrase is the caption of one of the first pages in the manual for OUR YEAR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. I would like to add: **EFFECTIVELY!** Is your church seeing progress in

—increased enrollment and attendance?
—planning **now** for vacation-time activities for boys and girls?
—regularly enlisting resident members in leadership training?
—emphasizing Christian family life and ideals?
—maintaining active contact with students in college?

The year is over half gone. Time now to check up on ourselves to see if we have made progress on our goals. May we see great achievements in Christian education this year! —Loma Mae Jones

YOUTH AT THE OREGON CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY

Salem, February 20 - 21

Young people of Oregon: If you want to hear Rosa Page Welch speak as well as sing, get your reservations in early for the only banquet, on Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. We especially want many of our youth to be here but there will be only 350 tickets sold. Be sure to send in your reservations right away. The cost will be $1.00. Later in the evening Dr. Dale Fiers and Mrs. James Wyker will speak and the singing will be led by Rosa Page Welch. Also Mrs. Welch will bring a concert of sacred music at 9:05 in the evening just before the communion service. Get together a carload of youth and come down for the evening.

Your State Youth Coordinator,
Clarence Fuqua

LINCOLN COUNTY CHURCHES MEET IN NEWPORT

The Christian Churches of Lincoln County at Toledo, OceanLake, and Newport met at Newport, Sunday, January 15, for the third time, for fellowship and mutual helpfulness. Wayne Osborne, minister at Florence, brought a fine message, and special music was provided by members of the Toledo and Oceanlake churches. Over 130 attended, and it was decided to meet again in April at Oceanlake.

As temporary officers the following were chosen: Dr. T. M. White, Newport, chairman; Lloyd Harold, Toledo, vice-chairman; George Kurtz, Oceanlake, secretary-Treasurer.

Constitution Committee Offers Second Text for Study

On this page appears the proposed constitution for the **Oregon Christian Missionary Society,** in accordance with the request of the Constitution Committee (Kenneth Johnston is Chairman) and the resolution of the 1954 State Convention. The proposed constitution of the Oregon Christian Convention was printed in the January issue of the **Oregon Christian.**

The Constitution Committee earnestly requests that our churches study these proposed constitutions, and the Chairman, Mr. Johnston, promises that the Committee will provide a discussion leader whenever requested.

TEXT OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR OREGON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

CONSTITUTION

Oregon Christian Missionary Society

A Non-Profit Corporation

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of this organization shall be THE OREGON CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of this Society shall be:

1. To carry out the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ;
2. To establish new churches and to strengthen weak churches;
3. To promote Evangelism, Christian Education, Christian Missions, Stewardship, and other phases of Christian work.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Society shall consist of resident members of Christian Churches or Churches of Christ (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon; who actively cooperate in the work of this Society.

ARTICLE IV — CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this Society shall be vested in a Board of Directors of twenty-one (21) members, each of whom shall be a resident member of a Christian Church or Church of Christ (Disciples of Christ) in Oregon. The Trustees of this corporation shall be the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and the Executive Secretary.

ARTICLE V — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **Election.**

A Board of twenty-one directors shall be elected at the annual business meeting of this Society, held at the time of the annual assembly of the Oregon Christian Convention, as follows:

(a) A nominating committee shall be named by the Board of Directors at least four months before the time of the annual meeting.

(b) A slate of nominees for directors shall be mailed to each congregation in Oregon at least two months before the annual meeting. No two nominees shall be from the same congregation.

(c) Any congregation may write in the names of other nominations for directors on the official ballot.

(d) Voting shall be by the following method:

(1) Each congregation shall be entitled to one vote for each office.

(2) Each congregation shall have one additional vote for each one hundred dollars ($100.00) contributed to the treasury of this Society as listed in the last Yearbook of the Disciples of Christ, or as recorded in the office of the Oregon Christian Missionary Society.

(3) Ballots shall be signed by the chairman and the secretary of the local church board and shall be returned by mail to the nominating committee at least two weeks before the opening of the annual meeting, and shall be officially counted at the annual meeting by the non-retiring members of the Board of Directors.

(e) The term of office of the directors shall be for three years and no one shall be eligible to succeed himself, after a three-year term, until the elapse of one year.

(1) At the first election, seven shall be elected for one year; seven for two years; and seven for three years.

(2) At succeeding elections, directors shall be elected for three-year terms.

Vacancies shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Directors to complete the unexpired term.

Section 2. **Duties.**

(a) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the setting up of policies and program in keeping with the purpose of this Society as outlined in Article II.

(b) The Board of Directors shall appoint such commissions as are required to carry out the work of this Society, as indicated in Article IX.

Section 3. **Quorum.**

Twelve members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS

Section 1. **Organization of Board**

As soon as practicable after the annual meeting, the Board of Directors shall organize by electing a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, and a treasurer from within its own membership; and shall appoint the chairmen of commissions, also from within its own membership.

Section 2. **President**

(a) The president shall preside at all meetings: of the Board of Directors; of the Executive Committee; and of the annual meeting of the Society.

(b) The president shall sign, with the Executive Secretary or treasurer, all deeds, mortgages, contracts, or other documents authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. **Vice President**

The vice president shall perform the duties of the president including the signing of documents, in the event of the absence or inability of the president.

Section 4. **Recording Secretary**

The recording secretary shall keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors; of the executive committee; and of the annual meeting of the Society. He shall furnish a copy of the minutes of each meeting to each member of the Board of Directors and to the Executive Secretary.

Section 5. **Treasurer.**

(a) The treasurer shall keep safe and pay out, subject to the order of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee, all funds coming into the hands of this Society.

(b) He shall countersign all deeds, mortgages, contracts and other corporate documents, in lieu of, and in the absence of the Executive Secretary.

(c) The treasurer shall disburse funds only upon receipt of voucher signed by the Executive Secretary.

(d) He shall be placed under adequate bond.

ARTICLE VII — EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Section 1. **Power to Employ**

The Board of directors shall have the power to employ, and to dismiss with suitable notice, an Executive Secretary of this Society.

Section 2. **Duties**

(a) The Executive Secretary shall keep the corporate records of the society, the corporate seal, and a copy, furnished by the recording secretary, of the record of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

(b) He shall countersign deeds, mortgages, contracts, and other documents.

(c) He shall have general charge and supervision of the administrative office; or offices of the Society.

(d) He shall have general charge and supervision of the work of this Society as outlined by the Board of Directors.

(e) Any Executive Secretary reaching the age of sixty-five (65) years shall be retired by the Board of Directors, unless he is requested to continue in the office by vote of the Board of Directors, with a maximum extension of two years.

ARTICLE VIII —
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. **Membership**

(a) The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Board of Directors; the chairmen of commissions; and the Executive Secretary ex officio.

(b) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

(c) The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.

Section 2. **Duties**

(a) To execute the policies and program of the Board of Directors.

(b) To carry out the duties usually pertaining to an Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX — COMMISSIONS

Section 1. **Appointment**

1. The Board of Directors shall appoint each year the following Commissions to serve for one year, beginning July 1, annually:

(a) Commission on Evangelism.

(b) Commission on Christian Education.

(c) Commission on Stewardship and Finance.

(d) Such other commissions as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

2. Powers.

(a) Each commission shall be given power to appoint committees to facilitate its work, subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

(b) The commissions shall be empowered to recommend to the Board of Directors the employment or dismissal of a Director of that field of work, and shall supervise that work, under the direction of the Executive Secretary.

(c) All employees, reaching the age of 65, shall be retired by the Board of Directors unless requested to continue in office by the vote of the Board of Directors with a maximum extension of two years.

3. The Board of Directors may discontinue any commission at the end of any fiscal year.

Section 2. **Chairmen**

The chairman of each commission shall be appointed from the membership of the Board of Directors. The commission chairman shall have a voice in the selection of the other members of his commission. The commission members shall be resident members of local churches of Oregon. No two members of any commission shall be members of the same congregation.

Section 3. **Selection of Chairmen**

The chairmen of commissions shall be selected as soon as practicable after the annual meeting of the Society.

ARTICLE X — RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1. This Society shall report annually to the Oregon Christian Convention.

Section 2. This Society shall seek to work harmoniously with other Christian agencies reporting to the Oregon Christian Convention.

Section 3. This Society shall seek to work harmoniously with other Christian agencies reporting to the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

ARTICLE XI — MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual business meeting of this Society shall be held, in connection with the Oregon Christian Convention, for election of directors, the receiving of reports, and recommendations.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall meet at least four times a year.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President.

ARTICLE XII — CORPORATE SEAL

A corporate seal shall be inscribed with the name of the organization and the date of its incorporation.

ARTICLE XIII — A CORPORATION

This Society shall be incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of Oregon.

ARTICLE XIV — DISTRICTS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall set up districts: for the holding of district conventions, for fellowship, inspiration, and the promotion of the Society program.

Section 2. For the facilitating of the work of the commissions throughout the state.

ARTICLE XV — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Society at its annual meeting, provided the proposed amendment shall have been presented in writing at the preceding annual meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 9-10:
State Youth Planning Commissions
April 6-8:
Adult Retreat,
Kitson Hot Springs
July 8-14: State Lab. School, Salem

ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

This report covers the period from December 14 to January 15

I began the period by attending a meeting of the Planning and Strategy Committee of the Oregon Council of Churches. Shared in the dedication service of the new church at The Dalles, attended a meeting of the Portland Area Christian Ministers, attended a special meeting of the Planning and Strategy Committee , attended a meeting of our State Board Executive Committee, conducted a special conference on State Missions at Hermiston, the Planning and Strategy Committee and the Board of Directors of the Oregon Council of Churches and shared in the meeting of our State Evangelism Commission and a meeting of the Permanent Fund Loan Committee.

I preached at Yamhill and attended their annual meeting, attended further meetings of the Stewardship, Evangelism and Nominating Committees in Eugene, a State Board meeting, and a conference with a committee from Allison Park in Eugene. Attended the Oregon Preacher's Parliament in Eugene, held several conferences, and also met with a special Joint-Committee considering work in our new districts for the state. Attended part of the State CWF Board meeting .Preached at Mill City and conducted a special conference on State Missions and visited the closing evangelisticservices at Dayton. Spent 11 days in the office with 9 office conferences.

Chas. H. Addleman

NEWPORT CHURCH CHOIR presented the Christmas Cantata, "Glory to God", supplemented by Intermediate Girl's sextette. Mrs. Alice Austin, director, is standing at extreme right, back row. Pianists are Miss Audrey Dodson, at left, and Mrs. Nell Milbrandt.

SHARE-OUR-SURPLUS milk, shipped by Church World Service, distributed to hungry children.

WHAT $1 CAN DO

Today in this world of ours, people—millions of them — are hungry. You would like to feed a crying baby or an old woman who has gone without that children could be fed? Yes! you say. But you are only one, and what can one person do?

The Share Our Surplus program is a cooperative effort of major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies through which U. S. government stocks of surplus food and other commodities are distributed free to homeless, hungry, and destitute people throughout the world overseas. Distribution of these surpluses through Church World Service brings better lives to needy people and strengthens faith, health, and friendship.

This is truly a "people-to-people" sharing. There is no charge to Church World Service for these surplus stocks. They are given by the U.S. government to Church World Service for shipment as a free gift of American people to the needy of the world.

Funds are needed **only** to defray distribution costs. Last year Church World Service distributed 140 pounds of food, valued at $40, for each contributed dollar: 140 pounds of food worth $40 for $1! Where else will $1 make available $40 worth of food to hungry people?

You may be only one, but here is your opportunity, by cooperating with many others through Church World Service, to feed many people with $1. 140 pounds of food worth $40 for $1! That's what $1 can do!

DAYTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONCLUDES GREATEST MEETING IN 63-YEAR HISTORY

The Diehm Team, consisting of Floyd and Emily Diehm, just concluded on January 15 a three-weeks' evangelistic crusade at the Dayton Christian Church with a total of 56 additions. Fifty of these were by baptism and 5 by statement. God answered the prayers of the church in a definite way on January 8, Decision Day, when 25 people made decisions for Christ. This was exactly the goal for which the church had been praying. A nightly attendance goal of at least 88 people in attendance was shattered each night. The average attendance at all of the preaching services was 142, with Youth Night drawing 221, the largest crowd ever known to attend a preaching service in the Dayton Church.

Mr. Floyd Diehm is State Evangelist for the Church of Oklahoma, serving under the Oklahoma Christian Missionary Society. He is a former pastor of the Dayton Church. Mrs. Diehm led the singing each evening, presented the special music, and was the secretary for the team.

Ray Heckendorn is minister of the Dayton Christian Church.

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

The CWF state board held its mid-year meeting January 13-14 at the YWCA in Portland. Mrs. E. C. Gilbert, first vice president, presided. Plans were made for the Christian Women's Fellowship session Thursday afternoon, June 28, at the Turner convention. Mr. William Hall, former missionary to India, presently employed by the Missionary Education Department of The United Society, will bring the afternoon message and will also speak at the 5 o'clock Vesper Service at the Turner church. Presentation of the Love Gifts, a memorial service, annual election and installation of CWF state officers will be featured. Many organizations will bring their "over and above" Love Gifts to the afternoon service, at which time they will be dedicated for the preparation of missionaries, nationals and other specialized workers in the mission field. It is hoped that a goodly offering will be set aside for this most worthy purpose.

On page 18 of the January issue of World Call is a story by Mrs. Del Troxell, well-known missionary to Japan, daughter of Kenneth and Grace Hendricks. Martha spent most of her growing-up years in Oregon. While attending Northwest Christian College, she met and married Del Troxell of the Medford church. Following their graduation at NCC, they went east for further preparation and were commissioned for missionary service at the International Convention in Portland in July 1954. Martha is the Living Link missionary of the First church, Eugene; Del of his own home church in Medford. These fine young missionaries are already making their influence felt in connection with Rural Work in Japan.

Your attention was called in the January 1956 issue of this paper to the ract that Mrs. Russell Putnam, International Christian Women's Fellowship president, will be the guest speaker for a special meeting on the afternoon of February 16 2:00 P.M. at the First church in Eugene. I want to emphasize the importance of your being at this meeting. It is a very great privilege to have Mrs. Putnam in our state. She will have a fine message for us.

The Oregon Christian Assembly meeting is to be held February 20-21, at the First Church in Salem. As you have already heard, Dr. Dale Fiers, Mrs. James Wyker, and Mrs. Rosa Page Welch, great leaders in our brotherhood work, will be the speakers for that meeting. Mrs. Welch will sing as well as speak. The meeting will begin at 7:30 on Monday night, February 20, and will close with the night session on the 21st.

NINETY AND NINE MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

—By Elmer C. Walters

District Reports

The men of McKenzie District are helping with a calling campaign under the direction of Ed Eldridge, N.C.C. Field Representative, who volunteered to lead in the final week of visitation, January 16-19, 1956, at the Mt. Vernon Church of Christ. We are looking forward for a great work to be accomplished as a result of this calling campaign.

District Meetings recently held: McKenzie District, Coburg, January 30; Douglas County District, Myrtle Creek, January 28; Crater Lake District, Ashland, January 30; Northwest District, Milwaukie, January 23 (Bob Mulkey as speaker).

District Meetings for the near future: Coast District, Wi-Ne-Ma, February 17; North Willamette District, Dallas, February 27.

State Reports

The Executive Board of the State Ninety and Nine met at the Harrisburg Church on Sunday, January 22. Details will be given next month.

The second $100 of the $500 to be set aside for the Gold Hill Church has been sent, so that this church may go forward with its building.

Remember these dates: Jack Sutton, National Men's worker, will be in Oregon in February; February 17 he will address a Men's Rally in La Grande; **February 18 and 19** he will conduct a two-day workshop at the First Christian Church in Salem. Every man in the state should plan to be at one of these meetings.

Now is the time to start thinking about your Boys' and Girls' Camps. Start planning your local church programs to include camp life in one of our Camps this summer. Let us make this the biggest year for the number of young people in our camps.

State Treasurer, Curtis Johnson, Jr., P.O. Box 188, Canby, reports progress on the financial front. Receipts for October and November total $571.35, with $75 being designated for the special Evangelism fund. Help him to keep us "in the black" by promptly remitting your Ninety and Nine offerings to him.

Please send advance notices of your district meetings to Elmer Walters, 6240 S.W. 120th, Beaverton, Oregon, so that they may be included in this column.

LEONARD FARR, Box 446, Coos Bay, is the new president of the Oregon Christian Student Foundation. He succeeds James Morris of Corvallis. Mr. Farr asks that Oregon Christians support with their prayers the student work on the campuses. He particularly requests parents to encourage their children in college to participate in the programs at the Christian Houses.

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

DULCINA ELLIOT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

Winter term at the Eugene Christian House is emphasizing The World Mission of the Church, beginning in January with reports of the great Ecumenical Student Conference held during the holidays in Athens, Ohio. Nine delegates attended, not counting Janice Milton of Redding, Calif., who was unable to make train connections because of the flood. Those who did go include Doris Allen, Canby; Wynn Dahlgren, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Mary Ihle, Longview; John Ihle, Forest Grove; Jim Oglesby, Longview; Bob Randall, Billings, Mont., and Eugene; Jim Wear, Vancouver; Roger Weaver, Salem; and Walter York, Eugene. They are available for reports to church groups and every one would be stimulated by the dynamic message of the conference as to the place and mission of the church in these revolutionary days.

The second Parliament of World Religions is being held at the University of Oregon for Religious Evaluation Week, Jan. 22-26, with representatives of seven world religions participating. The Protestant Christian speaker is Dr. Paul Tillich of the Harvard Divinity School, whose books have been widely read among Christian leaders.

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One year ago two married couples had Christmas dinner with the Porters and planned a new organization at Corvallis Christian House: the Married Students' Fellowship. One of these couples, Carol and Bob Strain, is pictured on this page; the other couple is Wayne and Elaine Anderson from Prosser, Washington. This group has been growing; it now includes over forty couples. Twice a month when the group meets for a potluck dinner, a little crowding is necesary to get all the people into Christian House.

Oregon State College had one of the largest delegations of students at the Student Volunteer Movement Conference at Athens, Ohio. Thirty-seven students went from Corvallis.

Seventeen of our students have placed their full membership with the local church and 37 have placed their student membership.

A number of students on January 14 spent a total of over 80 hours cleaning up Christian House. They really gave the house a new look.

The winter-term Bible study class had its first meeting the second week of the year with fourteen students attending. They meet each Tuesday noon, bringing a sack lunch and enjoying the hot soup which Mrs. Porter prepares.

CAROL AND BOB STRAIN are typical of the married-student couples in the Married Students' Fellowship at Corvallis Christian House.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Grants Pass

PLANNING COUNCIL of the Grants Pass church.

Portrait of Grants Pass:
A "Let's Close the Switch" Church

The First Christian Church of Grants Pass considered the LET'S CLOSE THE SWITCH program at a congregational meeting on March 27, 1955, and adopted it by a unanimous vote. It tied with Corvallis for the record of being second church in Oregon to adopt the LET'S CLOSE THE SWITCH program (Coquille was first).

Blaine B. Pruitt is Chairman of the Official Board; I. R. Perry, Chairman of the Stewardship division; and Robert L. Neal, minister.

The Grants Pass church has diligently supported the Oregon Christian Missionary Convention budget each month on the basis of fifteen cents per member per month and is the first one of the participating churches to have a specific sum placed in the budget towards the OCMC New Church Construction and Development Funds.

It is the third of the participating churches to incorporate into the local program the LET'S CLOSE THE SWITCH Stewardship Missionary program, the other two being Corvallis and Portland (First Christian).

THE THREE WISE MEN brought gifts to over 200 children and young people of the Christian Church Bible School of Burns, Oregon, December 23. Dr. Clifford Weare is superintendent, and Rev. Len B. Fishback is pastor of the church. While the Christmas hymn, "We Three Kings of Orient Are", was being heard from the loudspeaker, the three wise men appeared and distributed the Christmas treat. The three kings were (left to right) Bill Guthridge, Dick Everhart, and Russell Higgins. The pastor and the members of the education committee of the church felt that the wise men who brought gifts on the first Christmas should not be supplanted in modern times by Santa Claus. Len Fishback reports that everyone was pleased with the idea and felt that "we should never go back to the Santa Claus hullabaloo again."

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APRIL 6-8

A new experience for leaders of adults in the church has been planned for April 6-8. AN ADULT RETREAT, the weekend will offer practical guidance for men and women who hold positions of leadership in the church and who want to become better leaders: ministers, elders, deacons, deaconesses, teachers, church school superintendents, directors of Christian Education, chairmen of functional committees, and all others interested in improving their understanding of the operation of the church.

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The Retreat will start Friday evening, April 6, with the evening meal, and will conclude early Sunday afternoon, April 8. Cost for room and board will be $10. Kitson Hot Mineral Springs is located just southeast of Oakridge, Oregon.

Full information and registration blanks may be secured from the State Office, 603 Panama Building. The Retreat is planned under the auspices of the Adult Committee of the Education Committee, Bob Richter, Hermiston, chairman.

State Youth Planning Commission
March 9-10

Annual State Youth Planning Commission will meet on March 9-10, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Senior High Youth will meet at **Menucha,** while Junior Highs will meet at **Crestview,** adjoining camps on the Old Columbia River Highway.

Commission is eagerly awaited by the youth of our churches—an opportunity to meet for fellowship, inspiration and planning. Who attends? 2 leaders from the Jr. High group, plus 1 sponsor; 3 leaders from the High school group, plus 1 counsellor. The cost will be $4.50 per person.

Leaders for Senior High Commission will be Sandra Rosell, Portland; Gloria Haggard, Medford; Jerry Waller, Forest Grove; Billie Connor, Medford; Elspeth Ellsworth, Corvallis; Jim Johnson, Portland; Maureen Church, Eugene; and Sandra Gray, Pendleton. Adult Counsellor is Clarence Fuqua, Salem.

General coordinator for the Junior High Commission will be Robert Neal, Grants Pass.

Six Months Total Giving by Churches

July 1 — Dec. 31, 1955

Albany, First	325.00
Albany, Eastside	.00
Amity	.00
Ashland	.00
Astoria	25.00
Athena	.00
Baker	.00
Beaverton	.00
" Cedar Hills	70.00
Bend	292.48
Brownsville	.00
Burns	.00
Canby	.00
Carlton	.00
Central Point	.00
Coburg	60.00
Coquille	182.62
Corbett	.00
Corvallis	340.87
Cottage Grove	.00
Crabtree	50.00
Creswell	.00
Culver	.00
Dallas	210.00
Dayton	36.67
Detroit	.00
Dufur	50.00
Elgin	.00
Elkton	56.87
Elmira	.00
Enterprise	.00
Estacada	.00
Eugene, Bethel	.00
Allison Park	50.00
University St.	.00
First	499.70
Norkenzie	41.40
Westside	.00
Fall Creek	70.00
Falls City	.00
Florence	.00
Forest Grove	240.00
Franklin	.00
Garibaldi	.00
Gates	.00
Gladstone	.00
Glendale	.00
Glenwood	.00
Glide	.00
Gold Hill	15.68
Grants Pass	434.15
Gresham	.00
Halfway	.00
Halsey	.00
Harrisburg	97.74
Heppner	.00
Hermiston	152.02
Hillsboro	100.00
Holley	.00
Hood River, First	85.97
" Valley	110.00
Ione Community	.00
Ingram Island	.00
Irving	.00
Jasper	.00
Jefferson	.00
Junction City	123.72
John Day	.00
Kent	.00
Klamath Falls	125.00
La Grande	445.52
Lake Grove	.00
Lebanon	482.82
Lexington	.00
Lorane	.00
Lowell	.00
Marcola	.00
Madras	.00
McMinnville	.00
McKenzie Bridge	.00
Medford, First	225.00
" Central	.00
Mill City	14.40
Milton-Freewater	142.14
Milwaukie	.00
Molalla	.00
Monmouth	70.00
Mosier	.00
Multnomah	60.00
Myrtle Creek	.00
Myrtle Point	.00
Newberg	15.00
Newport	83.77
North Bend	60.00
North Plains	60.00
Noti	.00
Nyssa	16.00
Oakland	.00
Oakridge	116.25
Oceanlake	.00
Ontario	94.18
Oregon City	.00
Pendleton	394.00
Peoria	.00
Perrydale	.00
Phoenix	.00
Pleasant Hill	.00
Portland, Central	.00
" Englewood	435.90
" First	1524.00
" Glencoe	.00
" Kern Park	600.00
Portland, Mallory	1148.66
" Parkrose	.00
" Sellwood	.00
" Southeast	212.50
" Southwest	.00
" St. Johns	.00
Port Orford	.00
Powell Butte	.00
Prineville	.00
Redmond	100.00
Richland	.00
Rockaway	.00
Roseburg, First	450.00
" Westside	1466.61
Row River (Dorena)	.00
Salem, Court St.	193.47
" First	1661.32
" Garden Road	.00
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Policy Adopted by State Board for Aid to Churches

1. All grants to Churches shall be for a specific Pastor and shall be granted only after a Pastor acceptable to the Evangelism Commission has been called by the Church involved. Upon the termination of a ministry the entire matter of the grant shall be reviewed.

2. A definite date shall be set toward which the Board and church shall work for the termination of the grant. This shall normally be a period of 5 years with the grant reduced by 20% each year.

3. The deed to property shall be held by the State Board during the entire time that the Board is financially obligated for the property. Upon full payment the Board shall release the deed to the congregation aided.

4. Any Church which is aided by State Mission money either for property or pastoral support shall maintain a friendly, harmonious relationship, including financial, with the State Board and members of the state staff. They shall be expected to counsel with the appropriate officers especially in the matter of the choice of a minister.

5. Each church so aided shall maintain a harmonious relationship with the other churches in its immediate area. The State Board shall assist in the formation of a new church in any city already having a Christian church only when the existing church or churches shall guarantee support for the new work both in finances and leadership from their own congregation.

6. Regular reports shall be made to the State office by each Church aided, and these shall contain detailed reports of the church's finances, attendance, and pastor's activities.

7. Before any grant is made, a full investigation of the field shall be made in accordance with a survey form to be provided by the Evangelism Commission.

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Monmouth	120.00
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Portland, St. Johns	58.94
Tillamook	100.00
	$ 719.84

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Bookkeeper

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JEFFERSON: Eight added by baptism, 2 otherwise. The Christmas program, December 18, included a play, "The Christmas Story," and the receiving of White Gifts for the Turner Memorial Home. Attendance has been running over 100 in the morning services. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter. Vern Gomez, pastor.

DETROIT: Six added by baptism, 2 otherwise. We are beginning work on installing some much needed plumbing, and other improvements. G. E. Williams, minister.

HILLSBORO: Since January 1 Rich Osburn has been serving as ad interim pastor. Harvey Ruegsegger is youth director. We are laying plans for a pre-Easter calling campaign and short evangelistic meeting. Mrs. Jones, secretary.

WINSTON: Four added by baptism, 6 otherwise. We have been using Ed Whisler Christian Church Films with very good success. E. F. Coulter, pastor.

ALVADORE: An impressive candlelight communion service was held at midnight, December 31. The Alvadore young people brought home the Singspiration Banner again from the meeting held at Noti. Mrs. P. J. Hill, reporter. Robert Lynn, pastor.

HARRISBURG: The monthly Workers' Conference made several progressive decisions regarding Bible School promotion and enlargement. A wild-game dinner for all men of the church was well attended and enjoyed. The church served dinner to the South Willamette District of the 90 and 9 Executive group. A planning party was held for the eight churches in the area who will participate in the School of Christian living to be held in February. Mrs. Ezra Blehm, reporter, William Siefke, pastor.

PORTLAND-SOUTHWEST: William Morse spoke on Sunday evening, January 29. Since September 18 we have given $466 to missions. Mrs. Ivan Scott, reporter.

GLENDALE: For our living link we have pledged to Gloria Jewell and Jean Cunningham in Mexico $10.00 per month and we sent them a $15 Christmas present. Ida Edson, reporter. Guy Armstrong, pastor.

FRANKLIN: The annual Christmas program again filled the church building. Following the program the youth caroled for shut-ins and enjoyed a party. Watch-night services were held jointly with the Alvadore church. Gerald F. Sawyer, minister.

EUGENE - FIRST: Nine added by baptism, 6 otherwise. A new venture for Sunday nights— "Church in Thy House"— is proving very rewarding, not only in the increasing numbers each Sunday, but in spirit, fellowship, and preparing for the Jesse Bader set-up meeting, February 5. The Family World Friendship Classes begin February 5 and run through March 11. Our church is host to the Interdenominational Leadership Training School for January 9 - 24. James Edwards, associate minister, is the chairman for the school. Carroll Roberts, pastor.

MT. VERNON: Our youth group sang Christmas carols for shut-ins and others. They and the Bible school each presented a play the night of the Christmas program. We are in the midst of an evangelistic campaign sponsored by the 90 and 9 men. In connection with this Ed Eldridge brought us three messages and special music by the NCC Quartet. Our Pastor, Douglas Priest, has wired the building for an electric range. Mrs. W.M. Sawyer, reporter.

NORTH BEND: Five added by baptism, 3 otherwise. A generous Christmas benevolence offering was divided equally between Beaverton and Turner homes. Universal Bible Sunday was observed, including a Bible display. Men of the 90 and 9 put on a program of "Christ in Christmas," for the December district meeting at this church. A large group of young people went caroling, with a chili feed afterwards. Mr. Becker, state Gideon secretary, was speaker Sunday morning, January 8. Pastor Clyde Blakley and wife attended the Preachers' Parliament at Eugene. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter.

NEWBERG: We are completing seven rooms in the educational annex. We instituted a midweek family night service, with directed activity for all age groups. On January 29, we were hosts for the Yamhill County fifth-Sunday rally. W.W. White, pastor.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: Goldie Ruth Wells conducted a Week of Missions, January 15-22. Gene Chamberlain, pastor.

EUGENE-WESTSIDE: Three added by baptism, 2 otherwise. The Bible School reached a new record attendance of 186 on January 8. Lynnton Elwell, minister.

PORTLAND-SELLWOOD: The church has purchased property adjoining our present property and is converting it into a parsonage, church office and Sunday school rooms. Mr. R. C. Leonard supplied the pulpit January 8 and 15 during the illness of the pastor, Robert Clevenger.

PEORIA: Four added by statement. Richard and Loretta Holliday have been called as youth leaders. Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Whitby have moved into Amick Cot-

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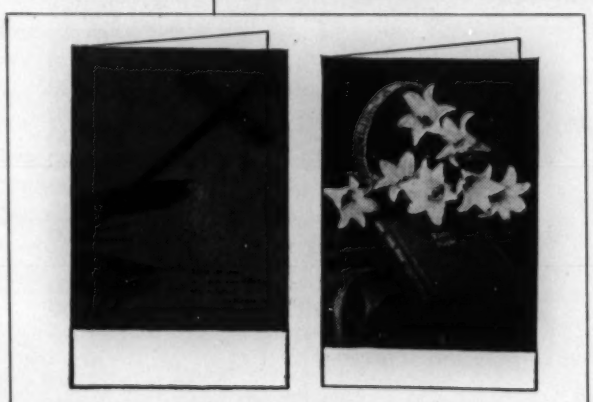

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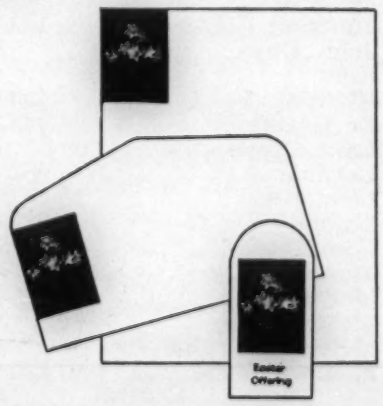

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tage at Turner after a wonderful service to Peoria. O. C. Carpenter, pastor.

NEWPORT: Raymond Utterback, NCC student, preached January 1, in the absence of Ray Smith, pastor, because of illness. A film sermon, "This Is My Body," featuring Dr. E. R. Moon, was shown in the evening. Fourteen members finished the year in "52 Club" and were awarded attendance pins.

MILWAUKIE: Pastor Fitch was guest speaker at the Preachers' Parliament held at Caldwell, Idaho, in December. The Missionary Society had girls from the McKinley Indian Mission, Toppenish, Washington, at the church-night service the last Thursday evening in January to tell about their work there. The Missionary Society is planning a school of missions, February 19-23, with Dr. E. R. Moon, retired missionary to the Belgian Congo, as speaker. Mrs. Wm. Van Antwerp, reporter. Alger Fitch, pastor.

CRABTREE: A fellowship and potluck dinner was held January 10. A large group attended. The Sunday school in Scio beat Crabtree in an attendance contest. Sunday school superintendent is Clarence Miller. Robert Church, minister.

DRAIN: We have an active resident membership of 125 at present and have purchased a new Baldwin organ, remodeled the interior of the church building, and are making plans now to build on four more Bible School classrooms to care for the crowded condition in some of our classes. In 1955, the total offering was $10,031. The average Bible school attendance was 141 and there were 25 additions. Hubert Prather, pastor.

ELKTON: In the annual report there were five baptisms and one addition to the membership by transfer. In the Bible School, the attendance for the year of 1955 was 60 compared with the average of 46 for the year 1954. The primary and beginners' classes have been divided into four classes. C.W.F. held a Christmas party inviting ladies not attending church elsewhere. Two groups of young people have formed to meet Sunday evening for a worship hour with plans for a chorus and orchestra. Ariel Hubbard, reporter. Phillip Ryan, pastor.

SALEM-GARDEN ROAD: Four added by baptism. Bible school average for the month of December was the best of the year. We are improving the auditorium, finishing up the walls and woodwork, and will also have the nursery room ready this week. Don Priest, minister.

CORVALLIS: Two added by baptism. The year 1955 ended with the best income in the history of the church. There were no special financial "drives," but continued stewardship emphasis. The LET'S CLOSE THE SWITCH program is under way with calling in the homes of members to take place throughout the year by six teams. Mrs. E. C. Gilbert is stewardship chairman; Miss Elizabeth Russell is in charge of calling. Don Helseth, pastor.

TILLAMOOK: Annual meeting reports show an increase in all departments. The building debt is reduced to $8000 with payments being made ahead of schedule. There is a net increase in membership in spite of heavy removals due to mill closings. Five C. E. societies reached 150 in attendance. Aldis Webb, pastor.

WILLAMINA: The annual meeting of the congregation was held January 8 fol-

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lowing a very wonderful fellowship around the dinner tables. There was the best attendance and response to the annual meeting and election of church officers that the church has experienced for several years. Minister, Elmo Black, attended all of Preachers' Parliament in Eugene.

ST. HELENS: The Sunday school Christmas program was presented on December 23. Following the children's program the sound-film, "The Greatest Gift," was featured. The congregation received a very nice bronze cross for the communion table. Launching our pre-Easter program this week. Baptized a man 81 years of age, January 8. R. L. Putnam, minister.

ROSEBURG: Five added by baptism, 4 otherwise. A School of Missions was held, January 19-22, with the following personalities: Dr. E. R. Moon, Carl Zehrung, Mrs. Martin Clark, Paul Clark, James E. E. Morgan, Otis Handen, Joan Lundy, Malcolm Norment. A School for Church leaders is planned for February 23-25 with training sessions for elders, deacons, and deaconesses. The churches in this area will share in this. Newell Morgan, pastor.

FLORENCE: Had a good year in 1955. The highlights were 59 additions and the erection of additional Sunday School rooms. The rooms were paid for at the time of dedication. C. Wayne Osborne, pastor.

HOOD RIVER — VALLEY: Building program finished and in operation. The Nursery and Beginners' rooms were redecorated by the Chi Rhos with the help of Jeanette Sargeant, Sophia Sargeant, and Arlie Mollgard. The men are working every day of the slack season to fix up the church. Attendance remained good even during the snow. Mrs. Allen Horn, reporter. Dowell Callis, pastor.

LOWELL: The new 1956 officers are: George Hoke, chairman; Mrs. Dale Brown, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. George Hoke, social chairman. The Sunday night movies are well attended. The C.W.F. serves coffee and cookies following the movie. Danny Spencer, pastor.

EUGENE - BETHEL: Gary Wetherell, a freshman at NCC, has been called as youth director. Evangelistic Sunday evening services begin January 15. On the first evening we showed the film-sermon starring Dr. E. R. Moon, "This is my Body." Miss Gertrude Shoemaker spoke to the C.W.F. on January 18.
David Arnold, pastor.

EUGENE - NORKENZIE: Had the NCC Quartet, January 8, with the field representative, Ed Eldridge, bringing the morning message. Took a census working with other Protestant churches in the area, with very good results. Gordon R. Gibbs, minister.

SWEET HOME: Thirty-two were added here during 1955 by baptism and 13 by letter and statement.
F. Downing, minister.

SALEM-COURT STREET: One added by baptism, 6 otherwise. The 1955 annual reports show a total of 85 additions to the church. The average Bible school attendance was 333 and a total of over $36,000 came in as contributions for the year. W. Harold Lyman, minister.

SILVERTON: Five added by baptism. The minister's study and reception room have been painted. The sanctuary is being redecorated. I. M. Nelson, minister.

CANBY: Frank Cunningham began a two-week's meeting on January 29. Doris Allen, Canby, student at the University of Oregon, was a representative of Christian House at the S.V.M. conference in Athens, Ohio, during December and made a report on it to the evening worship service January 22. John J. Stone, minister.

VAUGHN: The water reached a depth of eighteen inches on the main floor of the church during the December high water. Not much damage was done, however. The first item of business for the new year is a constitution and incorporation. We plan to change our name from "Vaughn Church of Christ" to "Vaughn Christian Church." Herman Johnson, minister.

PERRYDALE: Six added by baptism. We are undergoing a remodeling program. We expect to start in February. Robert Lane, minister. **OCEANLAKE:** We are making progress with the paper we are sending out to the community and with the calling program.
firmed. Richard Larson, minister.

POWELL BUTTE: Louis Flock has been made a life-time elder and his wife a life-time deaconess. They are unable to attend services because of ill health, but were faithful for years. We are planning a two-weeks' meeting with B. Ross and Ruth Evans, February 12-26. Mrs. W. R. Naff, reporter. D. L. Penhollow, pastor.

GRANTS PASS: On December 18, 350 attended the Christmas program. The Christmas offering was $246. Started a Junior Fellowship program, January 22. The C.W.F. held a planning day, December 28. C.Y.F. held a planning day, January 8. We adopted the stewardship missionary program of LET'S CLOSE THE SWITCH. Robert Neal, minister.

FOREST GROVE: We are starting an intensive training program for new Christians. Members of each commission form a Fireside Chat group to meet with new members in homes. A special potluck dinner is held for them and a class on Sunday morning instructs them. Over the Christmas season our C.W.F. sent out groups of women to visit all of the elderly people and shut-ins. In addition large baskets of food were distributed to needy families. Elby Boosinger, pastor.

PORTLAND-CENTRAL: Sixteen added by statement. Alvan L. Tiffin arrived to assume the duties of minister on January 1. He came from the University Christian Church of Los Angeles. A new parsonage has been purchased at 3817 E. Burnside. The minister's family assumed residence February 1. Al Tiffin, minister.

MILWAUKIE-GLENCOE ROAD:
Threee added by baptism. Sixteen members were joined together as charter members on the first charter Sunday. A chimney and an oil stove have been added so that there is adequate heat. Monthly fellowship dinners are being held in various homes. Royal Gardner, minister.

MILTON-FREEWATER: One added by baptism, 5 otherwise. The pastor, Truman Robbins, has a full calendar of plans for the year's work: Homecoming in the fall to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the church; a pre-Easter meeting with Jess Johnson and the NCC quartet, March 11-25; a School of Missions, with Goldie Wells, to be held in the fall; and the replacement of three sections of the church roof in the spring.

Several attended the Convocation of Church Women in Portland, January 30-February 2. The pastor and his wife attended the Preachers' Parliament in Eugene. He was president of it. The pastor attended the Eastern Oregon planning retreat at La Grande in January. On Christmas night, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fleenor, missionaries, presented the story of Christmas in Japan with native costume, curios and a movie. On New Year's night, our NCC young people had charge of the evening services with Gene Mayberry preaching. Kenneth Durham installed night lights on our "Good Shepherd" stained glass window.
Irene Warner, reporter.

COQUILLE: One added by baptism, 3 otherwise. There has been a 14 per cent increase in attendance in 1955 over 1954, with the average attendance 243. Held a Christmas Eve service for the first time with fine response. The pastor, Walter Naff,

PORTLAND-FIRST: Two added by baptism, 10 otherwise. Dedication of the new educational building will take place in May. William T. Pearcy, of the Board of Church Extension, has been invited for the dedication ceremonies. The project, which will cost approximately $200,000, includes church school facilities, chapel and church offices. Lyle Nosler is chairman of the Expansion Committee. The year of 1955 closed with members giving in excess of $130,000 for work at home and abroad. Myron C. Cole, pastor,

OAKRIDGE: We are in a Bible School attendance contest with the Madras church. On January 15, 120 new hymnals were dedicated and put into service. The first meeting of the new church building committee was held, January 9, and plans were made to secure the necessary data involved in the creating of a suitable plan for a new building E. C. Hawkins, pastor.

PORTLAND-KERN PARK: Four added by baptism, 3 added otherwise. The CYF and Chi Rho departments presented the Christmas drama, using two casts. The chancel choir presented an evening of sacred music, December 18. The film, "Martin Luther," was presented New Year's Eve in conjunction with a church-wide New Year's Eve program. A meeting was held with Ed Eldridge, January 9, to set up our evangelistic program in March. Kenneth Johnston, pastor.

BURNS: The Bible school has a Chi Rho group of 50, a teacher-training class of over 20, and an Easter goal of 416. The play, "The Rock" will be presented by the church during the Easter season. Dr. Cliff Weare, who took the part of Peter when it was presented in the National City Church in Washington, D.C., will again take the part in our production this year. Len B. Fishback, minister.

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